Fair tonight; Saturday partly cloudy ad warmer; light northwest winds, econing southeast Saturday.

Temperature past twenty-four hours: High, 63, at 3 p.m. yesterday; low, 39,

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RUSSIANS ENGAGE TURKISH ARMY ON LONG BATTLE LINE

France Has Joined England in Formally Declaring War on Ottoman Empire.

BRITISH WARSHIPS

Constantinople Reports Explosion on Vessel Bombarding the Dardanelles.

BATUM ATTACKED FROM SEA

Porte's Cruisers Said to Have Fired on Czar's Port—Twelve Moslem and German Transports Re-

ported Sunk.

border, and the fighting is proceeding along a battle front estimated from 100 to 160 miles.

England's warfare against Tur-

France now has formally declared ean increased activity on the part of According to a Turkish official announcement one of the British warbombarding the Dardanelles,

was struck by a shot from one of the

The Exchange Telegraph Company has given out a dispatch from its Liverpool correspondent saying that the Turks have selzed the British steamers Assiout and City of Khirs, at Smyrna.

Twelve Transports Sunk.

Twelve Turkish and German trans ports, carrying coal, have been sunk near Uzunguldak, on the coast of Anatolia, according to a dispatch from

A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, published in Amsterdam, says that Turk-ish cruisers have successfully bombarded the Russian fortified seaport of Ba-tum on the east shore of the Black

Sea.

A British steamer, it is also stated, has been sunk off Aivali, Asia Minor, after the crew and cargo had been put

Russian Statement.

The following communication of the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus has been issued to the

"Concerning the operations during the last twenty-four hours there is nothing important to report.
"Our troops are vigorously clear-ing the e-emy's territory, which is occupied by small bands, the rem-nant of the Turkish vanguards de-feated during the last few days.
"One of our columns has defeated the Turk's near Exygan, routing

"One of our columns has defeated the Turks near Ezygan, routing them and capturing the town. The Turks in their flight threw away their arms and scattered to the vil-lages in the neighborhood. "Our cavalry attacked to the east of Dyaden three Kurd regiments, supported by infantry, and threw them back."

Official Turkish Bulletin.

The following Turkish official statement is contained in a dispatch from 'onstantinople:

"The Russians are now strengthening their position near the frontier, but have been repulsed completely from the Karaklissa and Teehan dis-

"During the bombardment at the entrance to the Dardanelles the hos-tile fleet fired 240 shells without caus-ing material damage. Our forts fired only ten shots."

War Decree of France.

The French government last night formally declared that "a state of war exists between France and Turkey, according to the Bordeaux correspond ent of the Havas agency. He says that the foreign office issued the following

"The hostile acts of the Turkish fleet against a French steamer, causing the death of two Frenchmen and serious damage to the Ship, not having been followed by the dismissal of the German naval military missions, the measure whereby Turkey could disclaim responsibility, the government of this republic is obliged to state that as a result of the action of the Ottoman government a state of war exists between France and Turkey."

Proud of Russian Feat.

The Russian newspapers are proudly commenting on the wonderful thirty-hour march in the Caucasus by a Russian column of all three arms over mountain passes covered with snow. The Russian front extends over a hun dred miles, according to Petrograd adwices, which continue: "The first important fighting is ex-

pected to take place near Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, where the Turks are concentrating.

"Military experts estimate the total strength of the Turks at 90,000 men, with 65 to 60 batteries, or 230 guns; 35 to 40 squadrons of regular cavalry and 20,000 Kurdish irregulars. A part of this army probably will be detached to defend the Black sea littoral leaving from two to two and one-half army corps in Erzerum.

Armenians Make Appeal.

"The Moscow Armenians are appeal ing to their fellow-countrymen in Russia for volunteers for the Russian army and for funds for medical detach-They also are requesting aid

"It is feared that there will be atrocitles, but it is declared that if they occur they will be the last, as a new sun will soon arise over Mount Araral and a new life dawn for the Armenian

people."
Reports of outrages against the Armenians have begun to come in. One of these, a dispatch from Tiflis, Transcaucasia, coming by way of Petrograd, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent

"The Turkish Armenians were piti-lessly plundered on the eve of the war. Hundreds were arrested. The arrival of the Russian troops was greeted enthusiastically in those neighborhoods where harvesting now has been resumed.

Refugees Join Army.

"Large numbers of Armenian refugees ave reached Odessa seeking enrollment in the Russian army. They will be en-rolled as a special corps and sent to

LONDON, November 6.—Russia is reported to have invaded Armenia with four army corps, and the Turkish forces in that district are said to be today much weaker than they have been for some weeks past.

Russian troops are reported as already well across the Turkish border, and the fighting is pro-

Slavs Are Welcomed.

The Rome Tribuna has just published a Petrograd dispatch regarding the operations of the Russians in Armenia.

Holy Places Respected.

The English government has ordered the Brtish gun fire. The necessity for respecting the feelings of her Moslem subjects, it is considered here, may hamper Great Britain somewhat in the prosecution of the war against Turkey, but with her large Moslem population It cannot be disregarded.

FIGHT FLAMES ALL NIGHT.

Forest Fire Near Blairstown, N. J. Reported Under Control.

BLAIRSTOWN, N. J., November 6 .- A forest fire which yesterday swept an area two miles wide and five miles long up the side of the mountain here from the Water Gap was reported to be farmers and volunteers, after beating the flames all night, were stationed today at the edge of the burning area to prevent the fire from spreading. The situation was so serious last night that many women joined the men in fighting the flames. Fire wardens offered men 30 cents an hour for their certifiers and present them then they would

services, and warned them they would be fined \$10 if they refused to assist.

Stapleton, Staten Island, the German steamship Barbarossa was today returned to the company docks. Continued presence of British cruisers off the entrance to the harbor while the Barbarossa was at anchor led to the belief that a dash to sea by the liner was anticipated. Officials of the line say that she is beling returned because the docks are again clear.

Founder's Day at Mount Holyoke.

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., November 6.—Founder's day at Mount Holyoke College, celebrating the seventy-seventh

lege, celebrating the seventy-seventh anniversary of the founding of the institution by Mary Lyon was observe The occasion was marked by the laying of the corner stone of the new student alumnae building. Former President Taft came here to deliver the principal address

Wise merchants buy advertising as they buy merchandise. There is no guesswork about it. Advertising is just so valuable as the customers it

Yesterday's Figures Local Display

The Evening Star	24,672
The 2d Newspaper	7,024
The 3d Newspaper	
The 4th Newspaper	
Total	18,389

Economize and Advertise

POTOMAC COMPANY **UPHOLDS ITS ACTS**

Tells Utilities Commission Four Old Contracts Must Be Fulfilled.

MEMBERS ARE SEEKING DISCRIMINATORY RATES

Ask Questions of Potomac Folk to Bring Out Price Charged Four Concerns.

That Congress did not intend that the should operate to annul unexpired con tracts existing prior to its passage was the contention advanced at a hearing representatives of a number of Washington business concerns who sought to defend the agreement under which the companies are obtaining pany electric light and energy at spe

Under a recent decision by the corpo ration counsel, the furnishing by the power company of service under special contracts at less than its regular rates as filed with the commission is in violation of the utilities law. The opinion affects four contracts, expiring at dates from December 14, 1914, to May 21, 1926, which were made with A. Brylawski, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, M. Goldenberg and the Washington Loan and Trust Company.

Company's Position.

Appearing for the Potomac Electric being land's warfare against Turkey is still naval, and is likely to remain until Turkey invades Egypt. Such a move, the allies hope, will prove the final straw to induce Italy to embark her fortunes with the entente powers—Great Britain, France and Russia—for the reason that such an invasion would be a direct menace to Italy's newly won African possessions.

France Declares War.

Prance Declares War.

poperations of the Russians in Armenia it also says that the Russian newspapers refer to Constantinople by its old Slavonic name of Tzargrad. The dispatch follows:

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"The Russians in Armenia are operations of the Russian newspapers refer to Constantinople by its old Slavonic name of provide to cancel the contracts above referred to as the said that his concern did not want to be forced into litigation with the companies mentioned through being for the Russians, respected to be forced into litigation with the companies mentioned through being for the Russian press by the of liberation of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, stating that it had removed its own electric plant in order to purched the Russian press by the old Slavonic name of Tzargrad.

"Emperor William's cousin, Count von Schwerin, died at Lodz from wounds received in an action near Skierniewice."

Holy Places Respected.

Probe for Discrimination.

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Questions asked by members of the mmission, particularly Commissioner Siddons, indicated that the board is not so much concerned with the ques right to pass a law abrogating con tracts as it is with ascertaining whether or not the rates charged under whether or not the rates charged under the special contracts referred to are discriminatory rates.

The hearing was the first in which Maj. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner and chairman of the board, has participated.

ASSERT WILSON WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED

Republicans Sav Tuesdav's Elections Show President Would Not Have Won.

administration leaders that the electront into East Prussia. tions Tuesday are to be reckoned as a democratic victory, republicans are saying today that had President Wilson been running for re-election he would backward movement of the remainder have been defeated. The republicans of the German line left this point with declare that the electoral votes of all German Ship Returns to Dock.

NEW YORK, November 6.—After lying at anchor for several weeks off Stapleton, Staten Island, the German House of Representatives. In California, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and West Virginia, would have gone republican, a telegram received here today from Lemberg. Jaroslaw is seventeen miles northwest of the Austrian fortress of Przemysl.

House of Representatives. In California, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and West Virginia, would have gone republican. They figure this because in all the others of the members of the next Przemysl.

Austrians in Retreat.

CHARTERED FOR RELIEF CARGO

Norwegian Ship to Convey Philadelphia Donations to War Sufferers.

PHILADELPHIA, November 6 .-- The Norwegian steamship Thelma has been chartered to convey a cargo of foodstuffs and other necessities from this Merchandising city to the sufferers from the effects of the war in Europe, according to an appropriate made here last night. city to the sufferers from the effects announcement made here last night The vessel is expected to sail next week for Rotterdam with a 2,100-to:

The Philadelphia Belgian relief com mittee will also ship a large consignment of provisions on the steamer which will sail next week from New York.

FOURTEEN STATES "DRY."

Four Added to Prohibition List at

JAROSLAW TAKEN

Russians Are Reported to Have Taken 5,000 Austrian

CZAR'S MEN ADVANCE INTO EAST PRUSSIA

Prisoners.

Wirballen Only Obstacle to General Movement-Retreat of Dual King-

dom's Army Is Admitted.

PETROGRAD, via London, November 6.—According to Russian information Wirballen is the only obstacle to a gen-Notwithstanding the claims made by eral advance of the whole Russian

the states, except the solid south, Kan-sas, California, Colorado, Missouri, Ne-lician town of Jaroslaw and have taken

gion west of the San river. A correspondent at Lemberg states that these troops have been exhausted by the struggle through the snow-filled mountain passes and are incapable of a serious resistance.

Official Communication.

The following official communication as been issued from Russian general

"We continue to progress on the East Prussian front. The Germans are falling back along the whole front, only keeping a fortified posi-tion in the region of Wergboliwo. "On the left bank of the Vistula the Russian army is continuing its vigorous offensive, pursuing the re-treating enemy. The crossing of the San by our troops continues with success. The Austrians are retreat-ing ing.
"In the Black sea region no change is reported."

Interest in Russia's Gains. LONDON, November 6 .- The Russians

from all reports, have driven back the German center to the river Warthe in Russian Poland; have held back a German offensive movement from East Prussla and now are straightening out

the Recent Election.

CHICAGO, November 6.—Fourteen states now have laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages as a result of Tuesday's election, on the face of the returns, which show that prohibition was adopted in Arizona, Washington, Oregon and Colorado.

The states which prohibit the sale of liquor are Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Solkahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, North Dakotta, Alabama at one time adopted a prohibition under various acts. A score of states have local option laws.

Prussla and now are straightening out their line for a more vigorous offensive against the Austrians, who have been states who have been states who have laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages as a result to Battelian in the sale of the returns, which show that prohibit on was adopted in Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Oregon and Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Alabama at one time adopted a prohibition amendment, but later rescindated it. South Carolina is largely prohibition under various acts. A score of states have local option laws.

Prussla and now are straightening out their lief wing in Galicia.

It is to the battle in these regions that the British military men are lookstoned the successful find, for they declare that if the Russian can keep up their successful find, for they declare that if the Russian fair, for they declare that if the Russian fair, for they declare that if the Russian fair, for they declare that if the Russian can keep up their successful from the adopted will come to the allied armies in the west, because of the Interest of the Carolina is a sea. Capt. Wilson, the commander of the Moriba. The three-month stay of the internet North German Lloyd line steamer Kron prinzessin Cecelie ended today when, to prinzessin Cecelie ended today when,

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF.

POLITICAL FLOTSAM.

PETROGRAD HEARS Reports from British and French sources today make the claim that the German attack is weakening and that the allies now have a reasonable hope of driving Fierce Gannonading Heard at back their foes to the interior of Belgium, and thus compelling a general retirement along the rest of the line. German advices,

> a conclusion. Apparently the Germans are bringing in heavy reinforcements in the determination of increasing instead of diminishing the fury of their attack. Emperor William is said to be at the scene, personally directing the attack.

Along the rest of the line the offensive generally remains with the artillery exchanges were on the

a decisive victory over the Aus- severe cannonaging. The sound from a southwesterly direction. trians. They have recaptured the town of Jaroslaw, near the longdisputed fortress of Przemysl, Only the scantiest authentic details of Petrograd reports, capturing 5,000 Austrian prisoners. The Aus- A report reaching here from Wiltrians are now said to be in re- helmshaven shows that 266 men are

Russia is prosecuting vigorously the war against Turkey. Petrograd advices are that Russian forces have entered Armenia by expected, will probably be available two routes, and that several ever, that the sinking was due to a Turkish regiments have been cap- German mine and not to hostile attack.

sian seaport of Batum.

A British steamer is said to have been sunk off Aivali, Asia Minor, and two British vessels mine sweeper Mary was, sunk by a mine are reported to have been seized in the North sea yesterday. Six of the by the Turks at Smyrna.

trating their efforts, according to official announcement in Tokio, toward the capture of outlying German forts, which must be

HEAVY FIRING OFF COAST OF ENGLAND

Dover and in Dutch Villages.

however, offer no basis for such 266 TEUTONS MISSING FROM CREW OF YORCK

Germany Regards Destruction of Cruiser Heaviest Individual Loss Yet Sustained by Navy.

DOVER, England, November 6 (via London).—Heavy firing was heard off Dover this morning. It could not be ascertained whether

Belgian coast or indicated a naval engagement in the North sea. All day yesterday the residents of In the east the Russians claim Dutch coast villages heard extremely severe cannonading. The sound came

Many Lost on Cruiser Yorck. BERLIN, via Rome, November 6 .the sinking of the German cruiser

Yorck are available here. missing from the crew of the Yorck. Three hundred and eighty-four mem bers of the crew, including the com-mander and the first officer, were taken off by another vessel.

Sunk by German Mine.

A fuller report of the accident, it is The ship, which was under way, presumably swung outside of the channel through a mine field and touched one The Turkish fleet continues its of the powerful German mines, which activities in the Black sea, having bombarded the fortified Rus- of disaster is described as exemplary, and there is much regret over the de-struction of the cruiser—the heaviest individual loss as yet sustained by the German navy.

Mine Sweeper Sunk.

LONDON, November &.- The British crew of fourteen were rescued. The survivors, who were landed at Lowestoft, reported heavy gun firing off the Yorkshire coast yesterday afternoon attacking Tsingtau are concen-which sailed from Tocopilla, Chile, July

Rohilla Struck Mine.

GERMAN RETIREMENT. FROM YSER IS CLAIMED; ATTACKS LESS INTENSE

Teuton Troops Reinforced for Offensive Move to Mitigate Bloody Checks, Say French.

LONDON, November 6.-The latest reports from the battle front in Belgium and Northern France reaching London indicate that the Germans have retired from the Yser, but the fighting is said still to be proceeding within the triangle of Ypres, Dixmude and Roulers.

The latest official communications give evidence that the German assaults are becoming less intense, and there are some indications of resumption of the offensive on the part of the allies, with the Belgians reported as occupying both banks of the Yser and forcing the Germans in that neighborhood to retire on Bruges. In spite of these reports, however, there is no disposition among the allies to be overconfident. Reports from various correspondents, which lack official character, say the German retirement at points in Belgium was nothing more nor less than a rout. One says that the German right has been smashed like a fallen wineglass. Another declares the kaiser, at Tournai, is directing the campaign to break through the allies' lines to gain Calais.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon says yesterday passed without any perceptible modification on the front. The fighting between Dixmude and the Lys continued without any marked advance or retirement. The text of the communication follows:

"There was no perceptible modification during the day of yesterday anywhere on the front. The fighting continued between Dixmude and the Lys with the same characteristics as previously and without any marked advance or retirement at any point. There was violent cannonading to the north of Arras, and also directed upon Arras, without result for the enemy.

GERMAN RESERVE CORPS REINFORCED.

"The German effort in Belgium and in the north of France continues. The Germans seem to have undertaken changes in the composition of their forces which are operating in this region and are reinforcing their reserve corps, composed of new organizations, which have been severely tested, with active troops, with the idea of undertaking a new offensive movement, or, at least, to mitigate the bloody checks which have been in-

flicted upon them. "Between the Somme and the Oise and between the Oise and the Meuse there have been minor actions. We have consolidated our advance on the village of Andechy, to the west of Roye. A column of German wagons has been destroyed by the fire of our artillery at long range in the region of Nampoel, to the northeast of the forest of Aigue.

SAPIGNEUL RETAKEN FROM TEUTONS. 1 "Near Berry-au-Bac we have retaken the village of Sapig-

neul, which had been captured by the Germans. "There has been a furious fight in the Argonne, where, as a result of fighting with the bayonet, our troops drove the Ger-

"In the Woevre district fresh attacks by the enemy have

"To the northeast and to the east of the Grande Couronne of Nancy (the chain of fortified positions surrounding Nancy), in the region of the forest of Perroy and between Baccarat and Blamont, our advance posts have been attacked by mixed detachments of the enemy, whose movements everywhere were

"Russia announces officially a great Russian victory in

Belgian View of Fighting.

The Belgian official communication given out here today says: "The enemy is showing no activity on the Yser front, but several detachments with quick-firing guns still occupy the left bank of the Yser near St. George and Stuy-

vekernskerke

"The Germans have placed numer-"The Germans have placed numerous cannon, including all calibers, on the Belgian frontier between Middlekerke and Zecbrugge.

"On the Dixmunde-Bixschoote front the Anglo-French offensive movement continues. Violent German attacks in the direction of Bixschoote have been repulsed.

"Between Wytschaete and Messins the offensive movement of the allies has progressed as far as the road joining these two towns."

Another statement given out previously says:

"The Belgian advanced detach-"The Belgian advanced detachments which progressed as far as Lombaertzyde toward the Yser between St. George Capelle and Tervacte, could only advance with great difficulty owing to poor roads and the inundated country. They were also harassed constantly by the infantry and machine gun fire of the enemy. the enemy.

"The enemy still occupies St.
George Capelle and the farms located on the left bank of the Yser
in the neighborhood; Schoorbakke
and Tervaete. Stuyvekenskerke was
reoccupied by marines.

Forced Out of Village. "To the south of Dixmude the Germans made an attack in the direction of the Bixschoote bridge. They failed in the attempt and were forced to evacuate completely the village of Bixschoote, to the south

of Zandoofde. "The enemy continues to attack with the greatest violence along the front of the allies between Hollebecke and Messines. All positions have been held and at certain points the allies have progressed,

notably toward Hollebecke and Wytschaete, "In the region of Armentieres and to the south of the Lys the situa-tion remains the same as hereto-fore."

German Official Report. The German general headquarters

has issued the following statement in regard to the western campaign: "Yesterday the Belgians, assisted by British and Frenca troops, made a flerce attack by way of Nieuport, between the sea and the thunda-tions, but they were easily repulsed. "Near Ypres, southwest of Lille and south of Berry-uz-Bac, in the Argonne region and in the Vosges, our attacks are progressing. "In the castern theater of war there have been no material events."

Paris Is Optimistic.

Paris, according to advices reaching London, appears to be more optimistic The hope is freely expressed that a few more weeks of patient effort on the part of the allies will result in forcing the German right back into the interior of Belgium and so compelling the drawal of the whole line from Lille to

This hopefulness is based to a considerable extent on the progress of the allies east of the Yser, which is accepted as establishing that the Germans have as establishing that the Germans have fallen back some distance from the river. The lack of the former energy in the German offensive between Dixmude and the Lys, whether it indicates a general retirement or the temporary exhaustion of their troops is held to be all the more remarkable since there are no less than eight army corps massed on that front. These corps are described as made up to a great extent of reservists and young volunteers full of heroism, but, according to French military experts, deficient in training and being unhardened like more experienced soldiers, more likely to fall victim to pneumonia that breeds in damp trenches. trenches.
While the comparison cannot be otherwise than prejudiced, the French

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